PATAL COLLISION ON THE EAST RIVER. A SCOW OVERTURNED BY THE STEAMBOAT CITY OF BARTFORD-FOUR CHILDREN IMPRISONED IN THE CABIN AND DROWNED-NARROW ESCAPE OF THE MOTHER AND SON-STATEMENT OF THE CAPTAIN

OF THE STEAMBOAT. A collision occurred yesterday morning on the East River, near Pier No. 23, which resulted in the death of four persons by drowning. The collision took place between the Sound steamer City of Hartford and the ballast seew Charles McManus, No. 5, owned by C. McManus of Rutgers and South-sts., and the persons who were drawned were on board the latter vessel. The City of Hartford arrived about 8 a. m. of her own pier, No. 24, having been delayed over an hour in consequence of a delay in starting from Hartford on Sunday night. The steamboat was, at the time of her arrival, under the charge of Capt. William Miner of East Hartford and Henry B. Strickland, the pilot, also of Hartford, both ef

whom were at the wheel. The tide was running up strongly at the time of the steamer's arrival, and a strong eddy had set in from Brooklyn Bridge Pier. As the City of Hartford was nearing her pier the signal was given by the coptain to ebeck the speed, and subsequently to back the vessel. When the steamer arrives at its usual time, between 6 and 7 a. m., the pier is generally free from obstructions; but at this time the entrance to the slip was somewhat obstructed, and some difficulty being experienced in managing the steamer under the influence of the incoming tide, the scow was not noticed until the bow of the boat was close upon it. This scow is a flat-bottomed boat, about 50 feet long and 25 feet broad, and had been engaged during the morning in loading ballast into the ship Hamilton Fish of the Black Ball Line, under direction of Frank Coster, the master of the cow. At the time of the steamer's arrival the work of loading was still going on, and Coster was on the Hamilton Fish, and therefore aiment for a few moments from the scow. As is common however, with the masters of those flat-bottomed be Coster had his family, consisting of a wife and six children, living on board the vessel. The wife had recently been very sick, and having lost her infent child, was still in a delicate state of health. She was at the time of the collision in the act of coming out of the cabin of the scow, in which were her three daughters, Bella, age 15 years; Julia, age 6 years, and Teresa, age 3 years, and her little son Joseph, age 20 months. Her other sons, Michael, age 13 years, and George, age 8 years, were or the deck chopping wood. These boys saw the City of Hariford coming toward the scow, and, judging from the speed she was making believed that there would be a collision. Shouting to the occupants of the cabin to warn them of their danger, the boys sprang upon a neighboring barge, and thus escaped the fate which befel the rest of ily. It is understood that it was their cries which caused Mrs. Coster to come up from the cable, followed by her large Newfoundland dog. Before, however, the could understand her danger the bow of the steamer struck the soow and turned it completely over, throwing Mrs. Coster and the dog into the water, and imprisoning the three girls and the little boy in the cabin, which soon filled with water.

A great excitement was caused in the vicinity of the ders immediately above and below the scene of the accident, especially as the half-distracted bushand and father upon the bottom of the up-turned seew, raving wildly at the carolessness of the captain of the steamer, and mourning for the loss of his family. Willing hands were soon furnished to rescue the unfortunate Mrs. Coster, who was seen floating in the water, apparently supported by the dog, and for a short time it was supposed that she was the only person endangered, se Conter's cries were so incoherent that they could not be understood. The woman was taken on board the silot-boat James Gordon Bennett. After a while, however, it was ascertained that several persons were in the cabin of the capazed boat, and as it was not deemed possible to right her, axes were procured for the purpose of cutting a hole through the bottom of for the purpose of cutting a hole through the bottom of the vessel, searcely, however, with the hope of saving any of those who remained in the cabin. By this time an alarm had been sent to the Oak Street Police Station, and a large force of policemen was dispatched to the scene of the accident, and disposed of in such a manner as would prevent any interference with the work. Some deby occurred in reaching the cabin, from the fact that the scow had been turned round by the shock, and, as this was not known to the father, the first hole was ent through in the wrong place. When the initial was of statement and the other had been turned or at the other end. The chick based flooring of the cabin then offered another obstruction; but this was soon cleared lawy, and then the bodies of the unfortunate children were reached. The father, rendered helpiess by his grief, was powerkess to give any efficient help. The cabin was found to be flied with water, which caused the furniture to float hear the top; but after this had been removed, the body of Bella, the ediest girl, was taken out of the hole. Soon after the bodies of the other three children were removed to the Oak Street Police Station.

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BROOKLYN COMMISSIONS STILL OPEN. MAYOR BUNTER SENDS IN NOMINATIONS, BUT THE ALDERMEN ADJOURN WITHOUT ACTION-DEMO-

CRATIC DIFFERENCES. Mayor Hunter sent communications to the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, yesterday afternoon, nominating caudidates for Commissioners of Chy Works and of Police and Excise, but the board suddenly adjourned without even waiting for the communications to be read. There had been a good deal of caucusing, but when the Board was called to order at 2 p. m., an immediate adjournment was taken for a half hour's recess. The Alda manie chamber of the Board was deasely crowded with speciators long before the hour for meeting. The Board was called to order at 2:40 p. m., with President Bergen, (Dem.), in the chair. It was generally be-Reved that time was desired by the Democratic majority of the Board, as it was currently reported that they were not ready to act upon the list of nominees expected from

called to the chair by President Bergen, who left the room. Alderman Fisher soon afterward moved to adourn, but his motion was lest by a vote of 30 to 3. Some unlest by a vote of 30 to 3. Some un-important reports of committees were then received. Ald. Clancy (Dem.) of the Fifth Ward, who is Chairman of the Assessment Committee, presented several assessment books of minor importance for action. Meanwhile he was visited by the messenger of the Board several times with a request which the Alderman insisted should be put in of which the Alderman insisted should be put in Finally the messenger brought a silp of believed to have been a written request believed to have been a written request possession of ten lots on Sixty-sixth-st and Lexington writing. Finally the messenger brought a slip of from ex-tireet Commissioner Robert Furey for adjournment of the Board. Immediately, Alderman Clancy moved to adjourn, and the Board was adjourned, shout 4 o'clock, amid considerable confusion, the call of several members for the Yeas and Nays being disregarded.

It appears that about an hour before the adjournment of the Board, Mayor Hunter's messenger, Mr. Bell, had delivered to President Bergen two communications con-

For Commissioners of City Works, Dr. Wm. B. Hurd (Dem.), dentist of the Eastern District, in piace of Lorin Paimer (kep.); Thomas W. Adams (ben.), in place of Robert H. Whiting (kep.); Joan Gilbertson (Dem.), in piace of Wm. A. Fowler (Dem.) taining nominations as follows: pixes of Wm. A. Fowler (Dem.)
For Commissioners of Police and Excise, Major-Gen.
Henry W. Spacini (Dem.), in place of Gen. James Joan-dan (Rep.); el-Excise Commissioner John Pytorn (Dem.), in place of James Jensen (Rep.); Daniel D. Eriggs (Dem.), present incumbent, in place of Daniel D.

These numbertions were in accord with the list pubished in THE Indust yesterday, except that the name of Dr. Hurd-who was mentioned in THE TRIBUNE OR shely to be nominated in case any changes should be making six base hits and scoring six runs, and cloding the making six base hits and scoring six runs, and cloding the making six base hits and scoring six runs, and cloding the making six base hits and scoring six runs, and cloding the making six base hits and scoring six runs, and cloding the second inning with a score of 6 to 0 in their favor. Talk second in the score of 6 to 0 in their favor. Talk second in the score of 6 to 0 in their favor. Talk second in the score of 6 to 0 in their favor.

name was ornitted could not be officially ascertained, but it is believed to have been done at his own suggestion. The main exposition to the Mayor's nominations is believed to have been because of his failure to renominate Mayor Hunter stated to a Tainting reporter, after the

concerning his nominees. He declined to mention the names of his candidates, but said that he had done his duty, and he should "stand on his nominations," leaving the Aldermea to do their duty, or take the responsibility

adjournment of the Board, that he might deem it his

duty immediately to call a special meeting for action

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President Bergen admitted the receipt of the Mayor's communications, and said he was about to present them to the Board when he received a message that the Mayor desired to confer with him, whereupon he called Aiderman Howell to the chair, and visited the Mayor, who man Howell to the chair, and visited the Mayor, who man Howell to the chair, and visited the Mayor, who man Howell to the chair, and visited the Mayor, who man Howell to the chair, and visited the Mayor, who may be suggested that it would be well for the Board to adjourn

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Mayor Hunter deples that he suggested that the Board should adjourn without action. He says that some of the leading party men and managers, with a few of the Aldermen, were discussing the matter, and he simply said that in Congress it was customary, after nominations had been read, to postpone action for one week. A cancus was in progress in the Corporation Counsel's office during the meeting of the Aldermen, and was continued for a long time afterward. Among those present were William C. Kingsley, Hugh McLaugnila, Thomas Kinselia, Corporation Counsel DeWitt, and County Clerk merman. The independent attitude of the Mayor and the strange action of the Board of Aldermen are the subject of much discussion.

SCHOOL RECEPTION IN BROOKLYN. TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUVENILE HIGH SCHOOL.

A reception was held yesterday afternoon at the Brooklyn Juvenile High School, the day being the twenty-first anniversary of its founding by its present principals, Misses A. S. Dobbin and S. E. Rogers. The exercises were held in the chapel of the school building, on Livingston-st., near Court-st. A large seroil was placed over the platform, inscribed with the name of the school and the dates 1854-1875. On the desk and plane was a large display of flowers in bouquets and baskets, the most preminent being a star of white flowers with J. H. S., 21" upon it in scarlet blossoms. The center of the chapel was filled by the scholars, about 250 in number, the remaining scats being occupied by the parents

the chapel was filled by the scholars, about 250 in number, the remaining scats being occupied by the parents and friends of the boys. Upon the platform were the Rev. Dr. N. H. Schenek, rector of St. Amr's Church; the Rev. Dr. Schenek, rector of St. Amr's Church; the Rev. Dr. Schenek, rector of St. Amr's Church; the Rev. Dr. Schenek presided.

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The Exercises were began by the chanting of the Trisatjon, from the Episcopal service, by the scholars, which was followed by a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Schenek. The scholars, under the leadership of F. F. Muller, then took part in a programme of nusical exercises, consisting of songs, hymns, and chants. Dr. Schenek then delivered a snort address, welcoming the guests and congratulating the principals and their supermendent upon the success of the school during the 21 years of its existence. He then introduced the Rev. Dr. Hail, who gave the boys some good advice, most excellently and picasantly expressed. Dr. Schenek, in speaking of the school, said that it was opened on May 3, 1854, by Miss Dobbin and Miss Rogers, with only three scholars, in a building on Washington-st. During the first 12 years of its existence the school and 1,275 pupils. In 1866 the present building on Livingston-st. Washinit. During the nine years since 1866, there have been 2,640 boys at the school, making a total of 3,915 for the 21 years just concluded. The school, which is still under the management of its founders, assisted by the Supernicudent, Mrs. S. F. Laws, and a falt corps of teachers, is for the education of boys from 6 to 12 years of age. Among its patrons are many of the prominent residents of Brooklyn.

Capt. Killilea, of the Eleventh Precinct Police, was again arraigned before the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday. Gen. William F. Smith, the new Commissioner, occupied a seat on the bench with Presinent Matsell and Commissioners Voorhis and Disbecker. Chief Clerk Hawley announced that the prosecution had been able to produce certain witnesses whom they had expected. Patroiman Gaffacy, to whom ex-Sar geant Augustus Miller and others testified the money alleged to have been received had been handed, had te dered his resignation, with the announcement that "he had departed for more genial climes." that "he had departed for more genial climes."

Gaffney was considered one of the most important witnesses for the procession. At the previous acarings the financial agent of Koch Brothers testified that he had paid money for police services to Gaffney, with the understanding that it was to go to Capt. Killifea. Ex-Sergeant Miller also testified that he had seen a check received from E. Kasefang, in Gaffney's hands, he having been asked to get the money upon it for Capt. Killifea. As the testimony has been contradictory, it was expected that Gaffney would clear up many points, and on the Board to reach a just decision. Gaffney's absence compiled another postpouement. The hearing, therefore, was adjourned for two weeks.

Strainous efforts are to be made to secure Gaffney's attendance at the next session, and also that of other witnesses we o have heretofore failed to obey the subjectus issued for them. Col. Feilows and Mr. Brooke, counsel for CDL Killifica, pressed for a dismissal of the case, taking the ground that in another case where similar charges were pre-erred the case was discussed for want of evidence, though there were not near as many postponements nor so much trouble taken as already had been in Capt. Killifica's case.

A DAY'S RECORD OF ACCIDENT AND DEATH.

Michael Ward of No. 340 East Forty-eighthst fell from the sidewalk into the cellar of the new building on Second-ave, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninthsts., yesterday, and internal injuries were received that
probably will prove fatal. A bale of cotton fell upon
Bernard Calligan of No. 163 Hudson-st., yesterday, while
he was at work at No. 75 Bleecker-st., and his left leg was
broken. Ellen Reynolds of No. 121 Mulberry-st. ouarreled with an unknown man yesterday, and he struck
her in the face with a club, inflicting a severe wound
under her right eye. Charles Reef of No. 108 Mott-st,
had the his toe of nis left foot torn off yesterday by the
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was loaded with a cargo of tobacco, machinery, and miscellaneous goods, estimated to be worth \$80,000. Subma rine divers examined her hull vesterday, and the work of rine divers examined her hall yesterday, and the work of stopping the hole will be begun to-day. The Captain of the bark Ada Wiswell, waren arrived at this port yesterday from Rio Janeiro, reported that on Sararday, when noll Abscome, N. J., about 60 miles south of Sandy Brook, he passed a disabled steamer with her topmast gone and making slow progress under a small sail, apparently for this port. The steamer is believed by Lunt Brothers to be the everdue Metropolis, concerning whose safety there has been so much apprehension reached New-York yesterday. From Liverbool, which reached New-York yesterday, from Liverbool, which Sofe passengers, reports terday, from Liverpool, with 8.66 passengers, reports that when in lattande 447, and longitude 457, she passed cleven immente teleptics, some of which she had great difficulty in avoiding.

THE HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL ORGANIZED. The Homeopathic Surgical Hospital and the Habnemann Hospital were, by virtue of an act signed by the Covernor, on March 20, authorized to consolidate, under the name of the Hahnemann Hospital. The new not ready to act upon the list of nominess expected from the Mayor.

Considerable routine business was done, after which Alderman Howell (Dem.) of the Eleventh Ward, was Saturday evening, eighteen members of the Board were in attendance. An organization was effected by the election of Salem H. Wales, as Chairman, and Charles C. Pinekney as the list of trustees; Shechar Tousey, J. W. Barrow, W. A. O. den Hegeman, William Redde, Ahrest Mackay, H. ram Calkins, R. S. Storrs, and Roger H. Lyon caeset for one year; William Orion, William I. Wickham, Edward H. Kent, J. M. Bundy, Edmand H. Davisson for two years; Josiah sasey, Jr. H. F. Averill, Salem H. Wales, Charles Watrons, Charles C. Finckney, Charles P. Leverich, Rasey rillon, and George W. Charles P. Leverich, Rasey rillon, and George W. Carles F. Leverich, Rasey rillon, and George W. Carles The nospital is in and Charles C. Pinekney as Secretary. The following is the list of trustees: Smelair Tousey, J. W. Barrow, W. A. O. den Hegeman, William Radde, Abrest Mackay, Horam

BROOKLYN BRIDGE CONTRACTS.

The Brooklyn Bridge Directors met, yesterday afternoon, with President Henry C. Murphy in the chair. The Executive Committee reported in favor of awarding contracts for stone, timber, and iron, amounting to \$384,924, recommending that the contract for stone be awarded to the Collins Granite Company, and for the iron attentor plates to Pusey, Jones & Co.

BOSTONS BEAT MUTUALS AT BASE-BALL. About 1,500 persons assembled on the Union Grounds yesterday to witness the first game of the champlouship series between the Boston and Mutual clubs Play was called at 3:35 with the Mutuals at the bat. The first inning resulted in blanks for both sides. In the next inning, after the Mutuals had again retired in onetwo-three order, the Bostons made some fine batting.

THE CHANGES IN CITY DEPARTMENTS. NEW COMMISSIONERS TAKING THEIR PLACES-WHAT IS EXPECTED IN THE MODIFIED COMMISSIONS.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yeserday afternoon, President Matsell in the chair. Geo. William F. Smith, the Commissioner appointed on Saturday in place of Gen. A. Duryce, occupied his seat. The resignation of John Y. Savage, jr., Inspector of Elections, was received and accepted. Several of the applicants for appointment as patrolinen, who had been cited to appear, were in attendance, and were appointed upon the force. Commissioner Voorhis then moved that the Board proceed to elect a Treasurer, and nominated Commissioner Smith for that office. Commissioner Smith re plied by saying that, if there was anything that he could not do, it was to take care of money. "I can't even take care of my own. I am not familiar with bookkeeping, and do not believe that the position would be to me." Commissioner Voorbis said that he did not believe Gen. Smith would find the duties of Treasurer a great tax upon him, as the bookkeeper is an old and faithful servant. Commissioner Disbecker added his request that Commissioner Smith should accept the office. ommissioner Smith declined positively, soring "I am totally ignorant of the work to be done. It is not the work that I fear, but the responsibility," In spice of Commissioner Smith's protestations he was elected Treasurer. It was then explained that it was necessary to have a Treasurer at once, as there were the checks to be signed to pay off the men. Commissioner Smith, therefore, consented to accept the position, at least until the next meeting. The Board then went into executive session, and it is understood that the committees were reorganized.

A considerable number of prominent politicians called on the new Commissioner, Gen. Smith, yesterday. They congratulated him upon his appointment to the position and expressed confidence that the Board had received an acquisition that would be for the city's future good. Commissioner Smith declined to say anything about his plans or polley as a member of the Board, declaring that everything was so new to him that he even did not know what rooms were occupied by the different heads of the force. He remained in the rooms formerly occupied by Duryce until about 4 p. m. President Matsell appointment of Gen. Smith to the Police Board. " He will take charge of the military part of the discipline, and we hope that this will be greatly improved. I believe that the nearer that the discipline of the pollo force approaches that of the regular army the greater will be itsefficiency. It is to be Gen. Smith's work to superintend the drills and parades, to bring forward measurements. ures in regard to the uniforms, and in fact attend to the part of the work that shall tend to perfect the discipline and bring the men up to the military standard. THE DOCK COMMISSIONERS.

A special meeting of the Dock Commissioners was held yesterday, for the purpose of reorganization. There were present J. A. Westervelt, Salem H. Wales, and the newly appointed member, H. W. Dimock. Mr. Westervelt occupled the chair. The members balloted immediately for President, electing Salem H. Wales, who upon taking the Chair thanked the Commissioners for giving this evidence Chair thanked the Commissioners for giving this evidence of their confidence, and stated that he would endeavors to to shape his course as to commend it to the approbation of his fellow members of the Commission. Mr. Westervelt was then elected Treasurer, and the meeting was adjourned. The new members of the Executive Committee will be Messrs, Westervelt and Dimock, who will also be members of the Auditing Committee. The Commissioners of Docks assumed office under the last law regulating their organization on May 1, 1873, and were appointed for the terms of six, four, and two years respectively. Jacob A. Westervelt was appointed to fill the longest term, Mr. Gardner the second term, and Mr. Build the short term. When Mr. Gardner died Mr. Walce was appointed to fill his unexpired term, and Mr. Dimock, who has just been appointed, fills the vacuary caused by the expiration of Mr. Budd's term. Consequently, of the present members, Mr. Westerveit's term of office will expire on May 1, 1879, and the terms of office of Commissioners Walces and Dimock on May 1, 1877.

Mr. Dimock yesterday said that he proposed to make himself familiar as soon as possible with the condition of affairs in the Department, and that his efforts will be excited, so far as his influence may extend, in pushing forward work on the docks and builtheads in process of construction, and in advancing the progress of such other cuterprises as may be demanded by the growing needs of the city and at the same time be compatible with the principles of economy which shall prevail. No changes in the present plans have yet been determined upon, and it is helleved that, for the present at least, work will go on as heretofore. of their confidence, and stated that he would endeavor so to

INCIDENTS IN OTHER COMMISSIONS.

There was no reorganization in the Department of Taxes. John Wheeler was nominated as President of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessment by Mayor Havemeyer when the City Government was reorganized in 1873, to hold office for the term of six years, and as such

Board, to be held to-morrow, he would be able to act understandingly.

Dr. Edward G. Janeway, the newly-appointed Health Commissioner, visited the Health Office in Mott-st, yesterday, but his call was entirely informal. He was very reserved and said lettle on any subject. The first meeting of the new Board is to be to-day at 1 p. m. Dr. Janeway will probably be Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, the position occupied by his predecesor, and generally will take the places allotted to the medical member of the Commission of Health.

The Commission of Health.

The Commission of the Board a reorganization was not deemed necessary. A resolution was passed that it the event of an outbreak or an attempt at escape in any one of the prisons on Elackwell's Island, the wardens or officers in charge should cause the large bell belonging to the General storekeeper's Department to be rung in order that the officers and persons employed in all the buildings on the island should be warred.

J. O'Donoghue, the new Park Commissioner, did not visit the officers of the Department of Parks yesterday, as there was to be no meeting of the Board until to-morrow. It was stoted yesterday that there would be no change in the organization of the Board at present.

MISSIONS IN THE REFORMED CHURCH. The Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church met yesterday at the Synod Rooms at No. 34 Vesey st., and made appropriations of \$7,675 to various churches in Michigan, Indiana, New-York, and New-Jersey. The session of the Particular Synod begins this afternoon in the Joralemen Street Church, Brooklyn. The following dele gates have been chosen to represent New-York:

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Rev. V. B. Carroli; Mesers. H. P. Allen, W. Bogardus, J.
W. Miller, and W. De Vries. Secundi—The Rev. Dr. H. D.
Ganse, the Rev. W. H. De Hart, the Rev. J. W. Oerfer,
and the Rev. A. R. Van Nest; Mesers. W. N. Clark, James
Andeson, S. B. Schieffelin, D. J. Steward.
South Classis of New-York—Primaril—The Rev. Dr. M.
Rutton, the Rev. H. A. Vriedel, the Rev. W. T. Enyard,
and the Rev. L. G. Bungham; Messres. R. H. Bail, J. W.
Baker, W. A. Collins, and Frank Notlman. Secundi—The
Rev. S. H. Mecher, the Rev. W. B. Merritt, the Rev. A. C.
Hillman, and the Rev. W. Wiggins; Messrs. Henry
Brewster, Charles J. Debevoise, G. S. Littel, and Andrew
Wright.

SUCCESS OF THE "FLORALIA."

The managers of the "Floralia," or fair for the benefit of the Free Training and Cooking Schools, held in the Armory of the 71st Regiment, at Broadway and Tairty-lifth-st., decided after the success of last week to continue it. The programme for this week includes a match in spelling and definition for this evening; theatricals, together with a match in spelling, definition, and pronunciation for Wednesday evening; on Thursday evening the fair will close. There was be dancing every evening the fair will close. There will be dearing every evening, and the "Punch and Judy" performances of last week will be continued. Miss Hilborn will have charge of the theatricals The programme last evening gave additions to the Tuckish scenes, which had been represented before, a Tuckish anction being the principal new feature. The numerous articles to be railled off have already obtained sufficient money to justify their disposal in that way, even it they were to be paid for out of the receipts of the first, while nearly all have been given. The expenses of the Floralia have been tery small, and the managers expect to derive great profit to their Training school.

A MAN IMPALED UPON A STAKE. James Graham, age 18, who resides near

High Mountain, N. J., while on his way home on Sunday, took a short cut through the fields, climbing the fene as he passed slong, and as he descended from one high fence he fell upon a sharp stake which penetrated about three inches into his body, inflicting wounds which will probably prove fatal. The accident took place only a short distance from his house, and he was taken home and a physician called immediately.

George Christie, jr., age 9, of No. 203 Ellisonst., Paterson, N. J., purchased a small pistel on Saturday and loaded it with five shot. Yesterday, as he came out of Public School No. 6 he was asked by some of the boys to fire at a hat which had been placed on the salewalk When the smoke cleared away it was found that James Welener, a little boy standing mar, had been shot, one of the shot having taken effect in the lotter and pentral of the interesting. The woman is said to lotter years and the control of the said to be a second or the said walk when the said walk was a sai

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUT'S, IN 9 a. m.-44°. Noon-50°. 3 p. m.-58°. Midnight-47°

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Fifth Avenue Holel—The Hon, Galusha A, Grow of Texas, the Hon James Harlan of Washington, Walter A, Wood of Hossick Palls, N. Y., and George Fox of Manchester, England. St. James Hotel—Adjutant-General Franklin Townsend of Albany. Recrett House—Miss Annie Louise Cary... Brecoort House—J. D. Camer on of Harrisburg... Windman Hotel—Jodge Sherman of Washington. St. Nicholas of Hotel—John M. Wilson, U. S. Consul at Bromen, and Gen. W. J. Palmer of Colorado. New York Hotel—Col. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte of Baltimore... Gilzey House—Ex Congressman C. C. Chaffee of Springfield, Mass... Cole mon House—The Right Rev. William H. Haro, Bishop of Niobrara.

NEW-YORK CITY. The 107th annual meeting of the Chamber

of Commerce will be held on Thursday, at 1 o'clock, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Dr. Daniel H. Kitchen, chief of the medical staff on Blackwell's Island, has sent his resignation to

the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, to take effect on May 15. The examination of the Senior Class in the Union Theological Seminary began yesterday. The Ex-

amining Committee were the Rev. Drs. Hastings and Vincent and the Rev. Mr. Page, and the subject consid-ered was Church Polity. The Masonic Fraternity have been tendered free transportation by the Union Ferry Company on the

occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in New-York, June 2. The Houston Street Ferry Company has made a similar offer. The steamers Bristol and Providence of the

Fall River line will resume their trips for the Summer season, beginning on Monday, May 10. They have been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and have every ap-phance for comfort and safety. Bishop Potter will consecrate the Church of

the Ascension at West Brighton, Staten Island, on Ascen sion Day, Thursday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Bush, the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Irving, his predecessor and other dergymen will take part in the services. Martin Boyle of No. 340 East Forty-eighth-

st. attempted to jump upon the front platform of a Thirdave. car, in Chatham'st. last night, when he missed his footing and was thrown under the wheels. His leg was badly crushed and he was taken to the Park Hospital. The Republican Association of the IXth Assembly District held its monthly meeting, last evening,

at Bleecker Building, at Bleecker and Morton-sta, and received nine new members. The Association of the VIIth District was in session at No. 12 University-place, and elected 14 new members. The funeral of William Dennistonn, late President of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Dis

pensary, took tlace jesterday from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Hall delivered the funeral sermon. Among those present were Col. F. A. Conkling, Josiah Mzcy, Robert Kennedy, and Robert L. Stract. Corporation Counsel Smith has appointed Chas. F. Maclean, a lawyer in the Wall-st. office of Gov. Tilden, Counsel to the Board of Police. The Corporation Counsel has decided that it is not necessary to have the scal of the Common Council affixed to leases of Ferry franchises, real state, &c., made by the Sinking Fund Commission.

The tenth anniversary of the National Temperance Society will be held in Steinway Hall on Thurs day evening. Addresses are expected from John B. Gough, the Hon. William F. Dodge, the Rev. R. S. Macarthur, Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, President of the Weman's National Christian Temperance Union, and

City Chamberlain Tappan makes the following report of the city and county finances for the week ending on Saturday last: Balance, April 24, \$1,305-218-57; receipts, \$3.510,927-76; payments, \$3,887,102-55; balance, April 30, \$929,043-78. The Chamberlain has collected from banks for interest on April deposits, \$4,770-62.

The Lyceum of Natural History held a business meeting last evening, at the rooms at No. 61 Madison-ave., and it was resolved to change the name of the Society to the New York Academy of Sciences. The following members have been appointed a Jonamittee to obtain the sanction of the Locislature: Prof. Chas. F. Chandler, Prof. John S. Newberry, and D. S. Martin.

A meeting of members of the provision trade was held at the Managers' rooms of the Produce Ex-change yesterday to consider the proposed prohibition of lard-refining, except within certain precincts of the city. They say that the application of rules of prohibition will injure their business, which, they claim, is not at all detrimental to the health of residents near their establishments.

ommitted suicide yesterday afternoon by taking a quantity of laudanom. Nauman was 27 years of age, a German, and had been out of work for some time. It is believed that the action of a woman, to whom Nauman had been paying attentions, in leaving him to go with another man, had something to do with his suicide. Coroner Elekhoff is to hold an inquest.

Continental Lodge, No. 287, F. and A. M., will cenfer the third degree of Master Mason upon Tetanoske Tomita, Consul of the Empire of Japan, tomorrow evening, in Masonic Hall, at Sixth-ave, and Twenty-third-st. As this is the first instance in which a subject of the Empire of Japan has been raised to the degree of Master Mason in the United States, considerable interest is manifested in the ceremony.

The funeral services of the late William Tucker, for several years past the President of the Knickerhocker Fire Insurance Company, were held yesterday afternoon in the Universalist Church, at Bleecker and Downing sts. The body was conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery for interment. The pall-bearers were David Istorg, Willis Blackstone, George Hodson, Thomas Wil-liams, Dr. Quackenbush, Andrew Hutton, S. M. Van Ripar and Walter Edwards.

An inquest was held yesterday in relation to the death of Patrick Leahy, age 33 years, who died at the Reception Hospital, at Ninety-ninth-st., on April 16, from the effects of an accident received through being run over by a Third-ave, car, between Eighty-seventh and Eighty eighth-sts., on March 19. The testimony showed that Leahy was thrown out of his cart under theear wheel, the cart being upset by a pile of frozen dirt and snow. A verdict was rendered according to the facts. BROOKLYN.

The Grand Jury of the May Term of the Kings County Court of Sessions was impaneled and

charged by Judge Moore yesterday. John J. Mahoney, jr., was arrested by a United States Deputy Marshal yesterday for the alleged illicit distillation of liquor in the Eastern District.

The old engine-house at Ten Eyek and Ewensts., E. D., being no longer needed, is to be advertised for sale by public nuction, pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Aidermen, passed yesterday.

JERSEY CITY.

Receipts from taxes, at the City Collector's filee, last week, were \$18,349 05.

The new Board of Education met last evening and organized by the election of William J. Lyon as President, and J. R. Mercein as Treasurer. John Fallon, age 15, was committed vesterday, charged with throwing stones at a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near the Henderson st.

The civil calendar for the May term, at the Hudson County Court, comprises 231 Supreme and Cir-cuit Court cases, 84 Justices' appeals, and 15 Jury ap-peals. The Court will open to-day.

The new Board of Hudson County Freeholders will organize to-day. E. F. C. Young, the pres ent Director, will probably be re-elected. The Hudson County Board of Health will also organize to day. Charles Jackson, a colored man, was com-

nitted for trial yesterday, charged with stealing a watch and chain from John H. Plate of Cornelison-ave. It is alleged that the prisoner has been implicated in a numand earth from John Market and Market in a num-ber of thefts in tais city; among others, in the robbery of a communion service from the United Presbyterian Charles R. Ellis and John Troy, agents of

the Domestic Sewing Machine Company, were held in bail by Judge Leonard yesterday, to appear for trial on a charge of stealing a sewing muchine. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shoot testified that the prisoners had removed from their house a machine valued at \$50, on which \$50 had been paid. An inquest was begun last evening in regard

to the death of Philip Sheridan, who was wounded in a fight a short time ago. The City Physician, Dr. McGill, testified that Sheridan's skull was slightly fractured, and that he treated the case until he found that Sucridan was disobeying his instructions. Dr. Quimby testified that he was called in too late to save sheridan's life, and that an operation should have been performed when the frac-ture was first discovered. The inquest was adjourned. NEWARK.

Frederick G. Scriber of No. 68 Park-place, an old and highly respected citizen, who was connected with the New-York Life Insurance Company, died at his late dence yesterday from apople sy

John Meier, a tailor, residing at No. 21 Boudinot-st., was found fast evening in a vacant lot at Newtonet, and Thirteentheave., suffering it was sup-posed, from the effects of strychning taken by him in consequence of family troubles.

did not hand Adolph a knife doring the offray, while two constables were equally positive that he did.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.-Much interest is felt in the fate of a bill now before the Legislature, for the erecauthorized the issue of \$60,000 of bonds for the completion of the building. During the protracted dissensions in the Board of Aldermen the time expired, and special legislation is now required for the object. Much discomfort is now occasioned by the imadequacy of the accommodations for city officers. tion of a City Hall for the city. In 1861, Mayor Ditmar

STATEN ISLAND.

PORT RICHMOND .- The Richmond County Police had their annual Spring inspection yesterday. The North Shore squad was inspected at the station at this

North Shore squad was inspected at the station at this place, and the East Shore squad at headquarters, Beathst., Stapleton. Capi. Blake was in command.

Castleton.—A fight took place late on Sunday night in Hilderbrand's drinking saloon on Cebos-ave, ahout had a mile from Police Headquarters. Two ruffaus, named Bethey and Norton, stopped in the saloon, called for drinks, and were about to desert without paying for them, when a dispute arose, ending in a fight. Hilderbrandt was severely beaten, and left in such a dangerous condition that it was thought best to take his antemortem statement yesterday. The ruffans also stole \$50 from his pocket, and a gold watch valued at \$150, and when they left fired two pistol-shots through the door. The police succeed d in arresting Bethey and Norton yesterday.

yesterday.

Factorryulls.—McLaughlan, one of the finders of the gold coin on the Windsor Place, was arraigned before Justice Corbett vesterday on complaint of Albert Bodine, the present owner of the premises, upon the charge of grand larceny, it being understood that he had \$600 in his possession. Ex-District Attorney Rawson appeared for McLaughlan and Mr. DetJamp for Mr. Bodine. After a hearing of both sides the Justice decided to discharge theorems.

TOWKINSVILLE.—Great alarm was caused yesterday morning by a statement that four additional cases of malignant small pox had broken out in the neighborhood where Mrs. Papa died of the same disease two weeks too. NEW-JERSEY.

PATERSON.-The Commissioners appointed by the Legislature to purchase the toll-roads in Passat County met yesterday and organized by the election of Judge Daggers as Chairman. It is proposed to buy the Paterson and New-York plank road, Goderville and Paterson macadamized road, and Little Falls turnpike.

At the recent election in Manchester township,
Passaic County, a tie vote was received by two candidates of the Town Committee. A new election will be

held to-morrow.

Hoboken.—The body of an unknown man, apparently a German about 40 years of age, was found floating in the Hudson River yesterday. It had probably been in the water for several weeks, and was much decomposed. The new Common Council met last night and organized by the election of Alderman Thomas Miller as President. The new Board of Education met last night and reelected Edward G. Brown, President; William C. Harp, Treasurer, and Robert H. Alberts, Clork.

GUTTENBERG.—Thomas Dooley, who was formerly a wealthy real estate owner, has disappeared. It is stated that he had been recently engaged in speculation, and had lost a great deal of money.

Fromman Keefe, age five years, of No. 577 Greenwichst, was knocked down and run over yesterday at Washington and spring ste, and received injuries of a serious nature. At the Washington Place Police Court yesterday Daniel Merritt was held in \$3.00 ball for having eatered the baree of charms of the value of \$50.

At the York villa Police Court yesterday Labor.

At the Yorkville Police Court yesterday John Maily was held on a charge of having stabled, on Sunday night, Thomas Burke, of No. 108 Greenest.... George O'Biten was held to answer a charge of having robbed Rosa Burns, of No. 1,197 Second-ave., of \$88.

TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES. THE PROPOSED LAW NOT A NEW PRINCIPLE IN

STATE LEGISLATION. To the Editor of The Tribune

SIR: THE TRIBUNE, usually so well informed, nisapprehends, I think, the provisions of the bill passed on Friday last, in the Assembly, providing for the collection of taxes assessed against fire, life, and marine in surance companies. It has been the law of this State for more than a quarter

of a century that the capital of insurance companies shall be taxed. The bill inaugurates no new principle in this respect. The statute provides that " all moneyed or stock corporations deriving an income or profit from their capital or otherwise shall be liable to taxation on their capital." (Title 4, Chap. 13, Pirst Part of the Revised Statutes.) There was no trouble in collecting taxes assessed on the capital of insurance and other moneyed orporations before the war, but since the large issue of Government bonds exempt from taxation, the capital stock of banks, insurance, trust companies, &c., has been invested in these bonds. The result is, that, while the companies have largely profited by the change, they have seased taxation also.

THE TRIBUNE of the 23d ult. contained an address de livered by President Oakley of the Howard Insurance Company, before the National Board of Fire Under writers, wherein he says:

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The business of 1874, as is well known to all, has not been one of success or encouragement to either merchants or manufacturers, those two great representative classes from whom we derive so large a share of our patronage, while the agriculturist has been barely compensated for nis outlay; for although the crops have been abundant, a lack of a market and low prices have resulted in but moderate profits; then, again, we had to contend with a large strinkage in the value of real property as compared with former years. Under surfair circumstances heretofore we have had to look for diminished profits to the capital employed in fire insurance. We find this year, as win be seen, an increase in the dividends, a decrease in the essen, an increase in the expenses, and an increase in the assets held by the companies. The capital employed for the year was \$53,052,190, an increase of \$2,715,124 over 1873, and in excess of any year comprised in the tables. The dividends of the year on this capital averaged 1273₁₀₀ per cent; New-York State companies making 1240₁₀₀ per cent; New-York State companies making 1240₁₀₀ per cent; other State companies gaining 324₁₀₀ per cent, and other State companies gaining 324₁₀₀ per cent, and other State companies gaining 324₁₀₀ per cent, and other State companies (1990 per cent) while the average of dividends for the 16 years is 1000₁₀ per cent per annum, against 1044₁₀₀ per annum, the average of the 15 years, a gain of 16₁₀₀ of 1 per cent. The whole sum paid out to stockholders during the 10 years amounts to \$11,524,483, or an excess of \$2,4423,105 beyond legal interest on the capital stock.

When it is considered that the Chicago and Boston fres occurred within the period here indicated, and such large returns being made to stockholders, there is little diff-

occurred within the period here indicated, and such large returns being made to stockholders, there is little diffi enlty in arriving at the conclusion that insurance is reasonably profitable. Again, the heavy expenditures by all the large cities and villages for the maintenance of an efficient fire department is greatly for the benefit of fire lusurance companies. Why should they not contribute their quota to lighten the general burden of taxation The proposed legislation simply places insurance capital on the same footing as bank capital invested in the same way, and provides an identical mode of collection Foreign insurance companies pay two per cent on their premiums to the fire departments of the cities and villages in which Such prendums are received, as well as other large exactions to support the Insurance Department of the State, in all amounting to about 5 per cent on the gross receipts of such companies. I am at a loss to comprehend how a proposition providing for the collection of taxes which the law imposed when most of these companies were organized can be denominated "de structive legislation." JUSTICE. Albany, May 3, 1875.

DISCUSSIONS OF THE LIQUOR DEALERS.

The Executive Committee of the New-York sonic Hall hast evening, H. Cunningham in the chair. resolution was passed acquiescing in the rates for licenses as arranged yesterday by the Excise Commis-Mark Lanigan, on the part of the Committee or Legislation, stated that a member of the Assembly had informed him that it would be impossible to get the Excise bill through the Legislature this session. A bill d been reported from the Scrate, and would probably be brought before the House, amending the old statute by authorizing the Excise Commissioners to sue liquer

by anthorizing the Excise Commissioners to sue liquor dealers for neglecting to take out licenses. This, he claimed, would empower the Commissioners to close any saloon which did not pay the license fee. Mr. Landgan further said that this bill had no chance of passing the House. It was resolved to hold a public meeting of the liquor dealers on the first Monday in Jame next.

The Liquer and Beer Dealers' Protective and Benevolient Union held a meeting hat evening at Putnam Hall, A. Kraus in the chair. Mr. Lausierer read a letter from J. Kecuan, a member of the Assembly, stating that only the General Excise bill was before the Committee on Internal Affairs, but it probably would not pass the House. In regard to the action of the Excise Commissioners in fixing the rates for licenses, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Commissioners and ask them what were the reasons that had led them to the decision they made yesterday. The committee will also ask the Commissioners to reduce the \$75 license fee to \$50.

ARMY ORDER.

Washington, May 3.—First Lieut, Charles H. Heintzelman, 3d Artillery, has been ordered to report to the chief signal officer of the army for duty.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Washington, May 3.—Lieut.-Commander Henry Glass has been detached from the martical school ship Jamestown, at Marc Island, Cab, and or acred to duty as executive officer of the receiving ship Independence. Lieut. D belohming task-been detached from the receiving ship Independence, at Marc Island, and ordered to the receiving ship Verbout, (a New-York, Lieut, F. J. Drake and Master Selson F. Rouston are detached from the nautical school-ship Jamestown and or consequence of family troubles.

Bishop Carrigon of Newark, N. J., of the Roman Catholic Church, has issued a letter to the people under his charge, reminding them that the Catholic Protectory and the House of the Good Shepherd will soon be opened, and saving aid for these institutions.

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